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For: MINIMAL MAINTENANCE LINK TO SUPPORT SYNCHRONIZATION

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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| INDEP                                     | 3   | MINUS    | ** 3                                  | 0                |
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- \* not fewer than 20  
\*\* not fewer than 3

| SMALL ENTITY |        |               |
|--------------|--------|---------------|
|              | RATE   | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
| X            | \$ 25  | \$ 0          |
| X            | \$ 100 | \$ 0          |
| +            | \$ 180 | \$ 0          |

TOTAL = \$ 0

| OTHER THAN<br>SMALL ENTITY |        |               |
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|                            | RATE   | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
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| X                          | \$ 200 | \$ 0          |
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Respectfully submitted,

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